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MEMORANDUM

TO: *Early On*® Coordinators and Supervisors of *Early On* Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Decommissioning of Michigan Compliance Information System (MI-CIS)

On July 15, 2011, Dr. Eleanor White, Director of the Office of Special Education (OSE) at the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), sent an email to intermediate school district (ISD) Directors of Special Education that, effective September 30, 2012, MI-CIS will be decommissioned. This announcement included the discontinuance of the MI-CIS E-IEP, the Medicaid processing module, as well as the daily use ability of MI-CIS. Since that announcement, the Office of Great Start/Early Childhood Education and Family Services has explored multiple avenues to determine the ability to support the field in the transition.

The efforts taken these past six months included exploring the possibility of maintaining the Part C data in MI-CIS for a period beyond September 30, 2012. We have learned that will not be possible, as the decommissioning process required by OSE includes recovering the servers on which the data reside, and wiping those data from the equipment. Another pathway explored was the development of a daily data collection product; however, there was insufficient time to develop and release a bid, award a grant or contract, and expect a product that would be tested, then up and running prior to September 30. In addition, no funds for on-going upgrades and training and technical support could be identified. Constraints on the process for fair and unbiased procurement prevented MDE from negotiating solely with the two vendors who had developed e-IFSP products from the competitive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grants, or from directing local service areas to join with each other and approach those vendors for their assistance.

Concurrently, members of the state *Early On* staff have been meeting with the Center for Education Performance and Information (CEPI) to assure that the necessary data fields that will provide the data needed for federal reporting are

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built into the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS). The work has progressed, and CEPI has targeted spring 2012 to release the business rules, which will provide the necessary information for local data collection systems to upload information into those fields. The first REQUIRED collection for *Early On* will be in the MSDS in fall 2012.

Each ISD has identified at least one key contact for MSDS. You will find a list of those individuals attached to this memo.

Thank you for your continued service to the children and families enrolled in *Early On*.

Attachment